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SUBJ: IAEA PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING INSPECTION SAMPLES
CONTAINING NUCLEAR MATERIAL OF US ORIGIN

REF: A) VIENNA 4376, B) STATE 133861, C) STATE 127278

D) VIENNA 6405, E) STATE 134200

1. IN REF A, MISSION RAISED QUESTION OF PROCEDURES
TO BE FOLLOWED IN TRANSFER OF PU-BEARING SAMPLES,
WHICH CONTAIN MATERIAL OF US ORIGIN, FROM REPROCESSING
FACILITY IN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO AGENCY CONTRACT LAB
IN UK. IN REF B, DEPARTMENT ADVISED THAT BECAUSE BOTH
THE REPROCESSING FACILITY AND THE CONTRACT LAB WERE
UNDER THE US-EURATOM AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION, THERE
WOULD BE NO NEED FOR MB-10 OR SER-2 FORMS. THIS
INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO THE AGENCY IN LETTER TO
DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL ROMETSCH DATED JUNE 14.

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2. MISSION HAS RECEIVED REPLY FROM ROMETACH, DATED
JULY 11, STATING THAT AGENCY NOW PLANS TO ANALYZE
THOSE PU-BEARING SAMPLES AT AGENCY'S LABORATORY AT
SEIBERSDORF, AUSTRIA, AND THAT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES
AGENCY DEEMS IT APPROPRIATE TO NOTIFY THE USG OF THE
TRANSFER USING THE SER-2 FORM. FYI: THE AGENCY
LABORATORY IS THE ORIGINAL GENERAL PURPOSE FACILITY AT

SEIBERSDORF AS DISTINCT FROM THE AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS ANALYTICAL LABORATORY (SAL) AT SAME LOCATION. THE AGENCY LABORATORY LIKE SAL DOES NOT HAVE A CLASS A LICENSE BUT UNLIKE SAL, HIT IS ALLOWED TO HANDLE SMALL QUANTITIES OF PLUTONIUM. END FYI.

3. IN REF A MISSION RAISED ALSO THE ISSUE OF TRANSFER TO FRANCE OF SAL RESIDUE WHICH WILL INCLUDE SOME MATERIAL OF US ORIGIN. DEPARTMENT PROVIDED INSTRUCTIONS IN REF C, WHICH WERE GIVEN TO AGENCY IN LETTERS DATED JUNE 17 AND 23 TO DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND AND DDG ROMETSCH, RESPECTIVELY. MISSION HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM AGENCY (D.A.V. FISCHER), DATED JUNE 27, BUT NOT RECEIVED UNTIL JULY 18, ACKNOWLEDGING OUR LETTER TO DIR GEN AND STATING QUOTE AT PRESENT, THE AGENCY IS EXPLORING ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SAL RESIDUE AND WE SHALL INFORM YOU IN DUE COURSE OF THE RESULTS OF THESE ENQUIRIES WITH A VIEW TO DISCUSSING WITH THE MISSION THE DETAILS INVOLVED IN ARRANGEMENTS FORESEEN FOR THE TRANSFER OF SAL RESIDUES. END QUOTE.

4. MISSION HAS HAD A NUMBER OF DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARIAT MEMBERS ON THIS GENERAL SUBJECT, AND IS INFORMED THAT SECRETARIAT IS PREPARING ANOTHER LETTER
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DEALING WITH ITS VARIOUS ASPECTS. AS NOTED REF D, AGENCY CONTINUES TO EXPECT THAT FRENCH WILL ACCEPT SAL RESIDUE. TRANSFER PROCEDURES SET FORTH REF C FOR RESIDUE DERIVED FROM MATERIAL OF US ORIGIN APPEAR TO BE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO AGENCY.

5. AGENCY CONTINUES HOWEVER, TO FORESEE PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH SAMPLES DESIGNATED BY GOVERNMENT CONCERNED AS CONTAINING MATERIAL OF US ORIGIN (TAKEN FROM FACILITIES WHOSE INVENTORIES CONTAIN MATERIAL OF US ORIGIN), TRANSFERRED BY IAEA FOR ANALYSIS IN CONTRACT LABS IN COUNTRIES WITH WHICH THE US DOES NOT HAVE AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION. SEE PARAS 4, 6 AND 7 OF REF A FOR MISSION SUGGESTIONS WHICH DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER IN ADDRESSING THIS MATTER.

6. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH ALSO TO CONSIDER PROCEDURES AUTHORIZED IN REF E IN WHICH SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL OF US ORIGIN WAS TRANSFERRED THROUGH AGENCY TO HUNGARY FOR AGENCY SAFEGUARDS RESEARCH. PROCEDURE MERELY REQUIRES IAEA ASSURANCE TO US THAT THIS MATERIAL WILL BE SUBJECT TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF US/IAEA

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AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION.

7. FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF AGENCY CONTRACT LABS USED FOR PROCESSING OF INSPECTION SAMPLES: UK (HARWELL), FRG (BERLIN), NETHERLANDS (PETTIN), CZECHOSLOVAKIA (REX), FRANCE (GRENOBLE), USSR (LENINGRAD) AND US (NEW BRUNSWICK). AGENCY HAS ADDITIONAL GROUP OF FOUR CONTRACT LABS WHICH HAVE TO DATE BEEN USED ONLY FOR STANDARDS CALIBRATION PROGRAMS BUT WHICH MAY IN FUTURE BE USED TO ANALYZE INSPECTION SAMPLES: JAPAN (TOKAI), BELGIUM (GEEL), SWEDEN (STUDSVICK), AND INDIA (TROMBAY). MISSION RECORDS INDICATE THAT APPROPRIATE AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION APPLICABLE TO THE COUNTRIES LISTED ABOVE ARE IN FORCE EXCEPT FOR INDIA, USSR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. SINCE AGENCY HAS INFORMALLY QUERIED MISSION ON THIS MATTER, MISSION REQUESTS CONFIRMATION OF FOREGOING.

8. AS NOTED PAA 4 ABOVE, MISSION BEING KEPT CLOSELY
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INFORMED OF AGENCY ACTIONS THESE QUESTIONS, AND WE
EXPECT TO SEAHOF LETTER SETTING FORTH AGENCY VIEWS
BEFORE IT IS OFFICIALLY SENT. IF DEPARTMENT ABLE TO
PROVIDE ADVICE REQUESTED PARAS 5, 6 AND 7 ABOVE WITHIN
NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, MISSION COULD WORK WITH SECRETARIAT
TO MINIMIZE OR PERHAPS RESOLVE ALTOGETHER REMAINING
QUESTIONS COPIES OF THREE LETTERS THIS SUBJECT
FROM MISSION TO AGENCY, DESCRIBED PARA 1 AND 3,
TOGETHER WITH TWO LETTERS FROM AGENCY TO MISSION,
DESCRIBED PARAS 2 AND 3, BEING POUCHED TO ERDA
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